Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER M4065.0159/P159-A Examiner Art Unit Application No. Filing Date 2815 July 12, 2001 P. Brock 09/902,691-Conf. #3130 oplicant(s): Li Li, et al. Invention: METHOD OF CONTROLLING STRIATIONS AND CD LOSS IN CONTACT OXIDE ETCH TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number **Extra Claims Previously** After Amendment Paid Present Rate 0.00 **Total Claims** 2**5** 48 Х Independent 0.00 2 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 04-1073 x | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. December 17 2003 Dated: Thomas J. D'Amico HNOLOGY CENTER 2800 Attorney Reg. No.: 28,371 DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP 2101 L Street NW Washington, DC 20037-1526 (202) 828-2232

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003 (Paper No. 18), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.